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SUBJECT: Uruguay will associate with the Copenhagen Accord

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¶1. On February 1, advisor to the Minister of Housing, Land Use, and Environment Daniel Rueda informed post that Uruguay would submit a diplomatic note stating its association with the Copenhagen Accord. President Vazquez approved the association last week, and the note will be sent after other ministers are informed at the February 1 cabinet meeting.

¶2. The GOU will not be submitting emission reduction targets at this time, but has already made commitments to diversify its energy matrix to include more renewable energy. With a high level of forestation and low levels of population and industrialization, Uruguayan net emissions are low and some years even negative. Nevertheless, Uruguay is highly affected by the impacts of climate change, and committed to both mitigation and adaptation measures.
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